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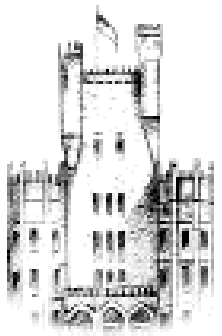
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U.S. still reeling from tragedy

A horrible day of infamy: Government suspects bin Laden in destruction

By DAVID CRARY and JERRY SCHWARTZ
AP National Writers

NEW YORK — In the most devastating terrorist onslaught ever waged against the United States, knife-wielding hijackers crashed two airliners into the World Trade Center on Tuesday, toppling its twin 110-story towers. The deadly calamity was witnessed on televisions across the world as another plane slammed into the Pentagon and a fourth crashed outside Pittsburgh.

“Today, our nation saw evil,” President Bush said in an address to the nation Tuesday night. He said thousands of lives were “suddenly ended by evil, despicable acts of terror.”

Said Adm. Robert J. Natter, commander of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet: “We have been attacked like we haven’t since Pearl Harbor.”

Establishing the U.S. death toll could take weeks. The four airliners alone had 266 people aboard and there were no known survivors. At the Pentagon, about 100 people were believed dead.

In addition, a firefighters union official said he feared an estimated 200 firefighters had died in rescue efforts at the trade center — where 50,000 people worked — and dozens of police officers were believed missing.

“The number of casualties will be more than most of us can bear,” a visibly distraught Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said.

No one took responsibility for the attacks that rocked the seats of finance and government. But federal authorities identified Osama bin Laden, who has been given asylum by Afghanistan’s Taliban rulers, as the prime suspect.

Aided by an intercept of communications between his supporters and harrowing cell phone calls from at least one flight attendant and two passengers aboard the jetliners before they crashed, U.S. officials began assembling a case linking bin Laden to the devastation.

U.S. intelligence intercepted communications between bin Laden supporters discussing the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, according to Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch, the top Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The people aboard planes who managed to make cell phone calls each described similar circumstances: They indicated the hijackers were armed with knives, in some cases stabbing flight attendants. The hijackers then took control of the planes.

At the World Trade Center, the dead and the doomed plummeted from the skyscrapers, among



Associated Press

An explosion erupts as American Airlines Flight 77 crashes into the south tower of the World Trade Center Tuesday at 9:08 a.m.

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Many students gathered to watch the news unfold across campus.

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A Nation in Mourning

Bush vows U.S. will avenge deaths

By SANDRA SOBIERAJ
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WASHINGTON (AP) — A grim-faced President Bush asked the nation to find comfort in Scripture as he mourned the deaths of thousands of Americans in Tuesday’s atrocities and vowed to avenge their killings. “Today, our nation saw evil,” he said.

In his first prime-time Oval Office address, Bush said the United States would find and punish “those behind these evil acts,” and any country that harbors them.

Bush spoke from the Oval Office just hours after bouncing between Florida and air bases in Louisiana and Nebraska for security reasons. Fighter jets and decoy helicopters accompanied his evening flight to Washington and the White House, where his Marine One helicopter

“These acts shattered steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve.

George W. Bush
U.S. President

“ briefly stood vigil on the South Lawn in the event of another evacuation. The helicopter took off about 10 p.m. EDT.

With smoke still pouring out of rubble in Washington and New York, Bush declared: “These acts shattered steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve.”

He spoke for less than five minutes from the desk that Bill Clinton and John F. Kennedy used before him. Beside the door, a

TelePrompTer operator fed Bush the words that he and his speechwriters hastened to pen just an hour earlier.

He stumbled a couple of times even as he strove to maintain a commanding air. Aides pushed an American flag and one with the presidential seal behind him for the somber occasion.

Immediately afterward, Bush joined a late-night meeting of his National Security Council and planned to remain overnight at the White House.

Bush said the government offices deserted after the attacks Tuesday would open on Wednesday.

He asked the nation to pray for the families of the victims and quoted the Book of Psalms: “And I pray they will be comforted by a power greater than any of us spoken through the ages in Psalm 23. Even though I walk through the valley of

the shadow of death, I fear no evil for you are with me.”

The United States received no warning of the attacks on the Pentagon and New York’s World Trade Center towers, White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said.

U.S. officials privately said they suspected terrorism Osama bin Laden, protected by the Afghanistan government, was behind the tragedies. The Afghan government has rejected the accusations.

“We will make no distinction between the terrorists who committed these acts and those who harbor them,” Bush said.

“Today, our fellow citizens, our way of life, our very freedom, came under attack in a series of deliberate and deadly terrorist acts.”

“Thousands of lives were suddenly ended by evil, despicable acts of terror,” Bush said.

Rescue efforts continue in New York, Washington

NEW YORK (AP) — As night fell, the city moved past the nightmarish scenes of people on fire jumping from buildings and braced itself for more pain: picking through the rubble for the dead and the injured.

Crews began heading into ground zero of the terrorist attack to search for survivors and recover bodies. The downtown area was cordoned off and a huge, grisly rescue effort was under way. Gov. George Pataki mobilized the National Guard to help, and hundreds of volunteers and medical workers converged on triage centers, offering services and blood.

One man caught under the rubble used his cell phone to reach family in Pennsylvania with a plea for help.

“She received a call from him saying he was still trapped under the World Trade Center. He gave specific directions and said he was there along with two New York City

sergeants,” said Brian Jones, 911 coordinator in Allgeheny County. He would not give their names, but said the message was passed to New York authorities.

National Guard member Angelo Otchy encountered a series of grisly discoveries while searching for survivors. “I must have come across body parts by the thousands,” said Otchy, 26. “I came across a lady, she didn’t remember her name. Her face was covered in blood.”

Overcome with emotion, Otchy left the area and sat on a nearby curb, his head drooping, looking for a cigarette.

Among the dead were the Rev. Michael Judge, a Franciscan priest who served as a Fire Department chaplain, and three other high-ranking fire officials. One of them, Ray Downing, went to Oklahoma City with a group of New York City fire-

fighters to help out following the terrorist attack there.

President Bush told the nation that thousands of lives were ended, though the final tally could take weeks. Some 50,000 worked at the trade center, with thousands more who visited each day. A firefighters union official estimated 200 firefighters may have died, and dozens of police officers were believed missing.

Paramedics waiting to be sent into the rubble were told that “once the smoke clears, it’s going to be massive bodies,” according to Brian Stark, an ex-Navy paramedic who volunteered to help. He said the paramedics had been told that “hundreds of police and firefighters are missing” from the ranks of those sent in to respond to the initial crash.

“I hope we get patients,” said medical student Eddie Campbell, who

rushed to help at one of the centers. “But they’re not coming out. They’re in there,” he said, pointing down the street to where the World Trade Center once stood.

Emergency Medical Service worker Louis Garcia said initial reports indicated that bodies were buried beneath the two feet of soot on streets around the twin towers. Garcia, a 15-year veteran, said bodies “are all over the place.”

Before the rescue effort began, hundreds of firefighters sat on the West Side Highway or leaned against their rigs, waiting for orders to go into the leveled skyscrapers and search for what they feared would be hundreds of bodies — including many colleagues.

“This is going to hurt,” said Jack Gerber, a 43-year-old Brooklyn firefighter. “A lot of guys got killed today.”

Tragedy

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and recover bodies. All that remained of the twin towers by then was a pile of rubble and twisted steel that stood barely two stories high, leaving a huge gap in the New York City skyline.

“Freedom itself was attacked this morning and I assure you freedom will be defended,” said Bush, who was in Florida at the time of the catastrophe. As a security measure, he was shuttled to a Strategic Air Command bunker in Nebraska before leaving for Washington.

“Make no mistake,” he said. “The United States will hunt down and pursue those responsible for these cowardly actions.”

More than nine hours after the U.S. attacks began, explosions could be heard north of the Afghan capital of Kabul, but American officials said the United States was not responsible.

“It isn’t us. I don’t know who’s doing it,” Pentagon spokesman Craig Quigley said.

Officials across the world condemned the attacks but in the West Bank city of Nablus, thousands of Palestinians celebrated, chanting “God is Great” and handing out candy. The United States has become increasingly unpopular in the Mideast in the past year of Israeli-Palestinian fighting, with Washington widely seen as siding with Israel against the Arab world.

At the Pentagon, the symbol and command center for the nation’s military force, one side of

the building collapsed as smoke billowed over the Potomac River. Rep. Ike Skelton, briefed by Pentagon officials, said, “There appear to be about 100 casualties” in the building.

The first airstrike occurred shortly before 8:45 a.m. EDT. By evening, huge clouds of smoke still billowed from the ruins. A burning, 47-story part of the World Trade Center complex — already evacuated — collapsed in flames just before nightfall.

Emergency Medical Service worker Louis Garcia said initial reports indicated that bodies were buried beneath the two feet of soot on streets around the trade center.

“A lot of the vehicles are running over bodies because they are all over the place,” he said.

Said National Guard member

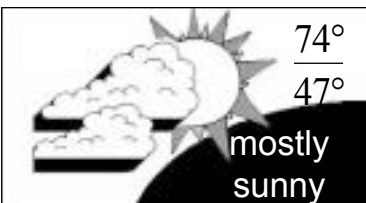
Angelo Otchy of Maplewood, N.J., “I must have come across body parts by the thousands. I came across a lady, she didn’t remember her name. Her face was covered in blood.”

For the first time, the nation’s aviation system was completely shut down as officials considered the frightening flaws that had been exposed in security procedures. Financial markets were closed, too.

Top leaders of Congress were led to an undisclosed location, as were key officials of the Bush administration. Guards armed with automatic weapons patrolled the White House grounds and military aircraft secured the skies above the capital city.

National Guard troops appeared on some street corners in the nation’s capital.

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A Nation in Mourning

Administration tries to ensure campus safety

By Pat Guinane
Administration editor

In the wake of Tuesday's World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks, the university has taken steps to ensure safety on campus.

While an increase in the number of campus police officers on duty is among the measures Eastern is taking, the cancellation of classes is not.

Tuesday morning, interim President Lou Hencken presided over a meeting of the university's emergency management team to decide Eastern's course of action. Vice presidents Jeff Cooley, Blair Lord and Shirley Stewart attended along with Adam Due, acting campus police chief and several other department heads.

Along with increasing the campus police's presence, administrators met with international students in a precautionary measure intended to ease tensions among the student body.

Tuesday's bid day for Eastern's sororities was postponed and an interfaith service for the entire campus community was held last night to give students a chance to offer each other support.

Hencken said the university is taking the "long-term approach" and the emergency action team was scheduled to meet again this morning at 8:30 a.m.

"At all costs we must remain calm," Hencken said. "We need to be as calm as possible and eliminate fears."

The university's police presence was more than doubled Tuesday night. Adam Due, acting campus police chief, said 12 officers were assigned to duty Tuesday, more than twice as many as the five that usually patrol the campus on a Tuesday night.

"If we do see anything suspicious we will not hesitate to empty out a building," Hencken said. "I know that sounds drastic, and the chances of anything happening here are very remote, but if you told me yesterday that planes would crash into the World Trade Center today, I probably would have laughed at you."

Due said campus police officers were paying special attention to the residence halls, and because of their increased staff they would be able to

conduct hall sweeps more frequently than the usual twice a night.

"We always pay special attention to the residence halls in the evening because that's where the majority of the students are," Due said. "The main thing is to make sure everyone feels secure."

Hencken said the university is exercising caution, noting that "discretion is the better part of valor." While they're proceeding cautiously, university officials don't anticipate any future difficulties to arise on campus.

"What we're doing is day by day," said Due. "We don't expect any problems. It's more to provide a sense of security for the students, faculty and staff."

Hencken said that the increased police presence is intended to put students at ease.

"If people see the police they feel better," Hencken said, elaborating that it would provide a "calming effect."

Most of the calls the university police department fielded Tuesday were from concerned parents, Due said. He didn't know how long the increased police presence would be needed, but said it would continue for at least a day or two regardless of future developments.

"It's something we will look at daily. We don't know what else will transpire," he said.

Eastern's geographic location may be an advantage in a crisis such as this, Due rationalized, noting that Charleston is relatively far away from any large city.

"I think we're in one of the best spots we can be because of Eastern's location," he said.

While the university decided not to suspend classes across the board, administrators said they understand that some teachers may decide to cancel classes on their own. Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs said the university will "essentially allow people to exercise their own discretion."

Eastern's contracted travel service, IT Travel, issued a statement that all employees planning on traveling by plane between now and Sunday should contact the travel service at (800) 388-0340.



Stratia Stein/Staff photographer

The tragedy led Mandy Kleber, a senior early childhood development major, right, to attend the interfaith service Tuesday night. Kleber holds hands with Michelle Perez, a sophomore journalism major, in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Everyone should be here, Kleber said.

Service brings comfort, unity to students

By Jessica Danielewicz
Campus editor

Tuesday evening the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Grand Ballroom filled with Eastern students trying to make sense out of the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.

Representatives from campus ministries and the university led students in prayer and provided support during the interfaith service. They remained afterward to talk and pray with students.

"I am comforted and encouraged by the response of our campus community," said interim President Lou Hencken.

Campus support has been great thus far. A line at the blood drive became 100 people deep, and individuals were sent to Sarah Bush Lincoln Hospital because the numbers were so overwhelming, Hencken said.

"We will survive this tragedy," he said.

The atmosphere stayed positive as speakers from campus ministries delivered their messages of hope and prayer for those affected.

"Someday we will find out how strong our love for one another is," said Patrick Fardy, a senior business

major.

Father Chris Brey, Newman Center chaplain, said "that day is today."

The service ended with the audience standing and singing "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

As the service ended, Tim Sales, a 1998 Eastern graduate, who now works with the Intervarsity, stressed the importance of dealing with feelings and responses to the tragedy.

"You do have a response to this tragedy," Sales said. "I don't want you to leave here saying 'this doesn't really affect me.'"

Roy Lanham, Newman Center campus minister, expressed his desire that people not lose hope.

"In the midst of this horrific tragedy, it is important that we be people of hope and that we don't give in to despair," Lanham said. "If we give in to despair, they win."

"My prayer this day is that we as a community can respond with justice, but also love," Brey said. "I hope that we can continue to reach out to those in need by prayer; donations of time, money and blood; and supporting those whom we have lost."

Tonight students looking for a way to help after yesterday's terrorist attack can send up their prayers at a 26-hour vigil.

The prayer vigil began at 7 p.m. yesterday and will continue until 9 p.m. tonight in the chapel of the Newman Catholic Center. The vigil will end with a Mass.

The vigil began with a short service, and at 9 p.m. last night, a taize night prayer was held.

"People can come anytime and spend time in quiet prayer," said Holly Walters, director of the student volunteer center at the Newman Catholic Center.

"It's an opportunity to pray for the victims and families of this recent tragedy."

Walters said the Newman Center received many calls from students yesterday asking, "What can we do?"


The answer, according to area churches and campus ministries, is pray.

"People fall back on their spirituality when a tragedy like this occurs," Walters said.

Various other area churches and ministries on campus indicated they would be participating in the prayer vigil as well.

In addition, Wesley United Methodist Church is scheduled to have a special pray service tonight at 7 p.m.


Staff editor Erika Larson also contributed to this story.




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Tragedy handled well

Terrorism is an ugly word, one that spreads panic, outrage and fear like wildfire.

Strong leadership, from the university and the city of Charleston, made that fear a little easier to handle Tuesday.

Eastern's interim President Lou Hencken, along with his staff of vice presidents and department

Eastern did a good job of easing fears

By providing an outlet for concerns and providing extra security, the university helped.

heads, took great initiative Tuesday morning in making sure students felt secure and protected at their home-away-from-home by holding an emergency meeting

and deciding on a plan of action that would open communication between the students, faculty and university.

The administration also made a good decision in enlisting the help of the student media in getting the word out on the university's plan of action.

The administration made the right decision in keeping classes in session Tuesday, allowing students to be together in a structured setting, and offering a place for them to talk and question the terrible events that took place earlier in the day.

The university quickly organized an interfaith service to help students deal with the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, canceled events that took away from the news of the day, offered extra support to students through the Counseling Center and added extra police to the University Police Department to provide a safe atmosphere for the campus.

"At all costs we must remain calm," Hencken said.

The city also took proper steps by providing reassurance for residents and students. City officials made sure the community knew there was no immediate danger in the area.

The campus came together as well, supporting a blood drive Tuesday afternoon by filling every blood bag available. The blood donated is now on its way to New York to help victims of the tragedy.

Now that the initial shock of the attack is beginning to wear off, we need to remember to continue our support of the victims. They will continue to need our support throughout the coming weeks and months. If there are ways we can lend a hand, whether it be through blood drives, clothing and food drives, or monetary donations, we all need to make a concerted effort to do so.

Terrorism is something none of us can control. Protecting our own little piece of the world is the best we can do.

And that is something all of us can be proud of today.

The editorial is the opinion of the editorial board of The Daily Eastern News.

Thank God I wasn't at the VMAs

Now I could be wrong, but I think there are probably a lot more ways that an MTV pop star could thank God then by saying so at an award show.

Seriously, if you're up on stage dressed sleazier than a Las Vegas street whore, I'm sure that God really would prefer you didn't drag him into the situation.

Thankfully, I'm not much for watching MTV at any time, let alone during the annual video awards. If I wanted to be brainwashed like that on a daily basis I'd do it in a more productive way. I'd join a cult.

But for some odd reason, I ended up watching this year's awards last week and, as usual, it turned out to be a complete waste of time.

During the presentations several pop stars strolled up to the podium to accept their moon man and proceeded, like in all other award shows, to thank those who supported them in their aspirations.

Many of them thanked their managers, parents, friends, producers, "The Label," and then some of them thanked God. If you can believe it, they did it with a straight face too.

One of them, I think it was Nelly, even put a classy twist on the message saying, "I'd like to thank the Man Upstairs."

Now I'm not very religious. I don't attend church and I don't find myself doing volunteer work all that often but I do have complete faith that God would rather that most of those people did their thanking in a different way.

It's easy for a pop star to thank God on stage in front of screaming fans. It's not like we're in Afghanistan. But it is a lot harder to thank God in a way that actually means some-



Joe Ryan

Associate news editor

"Seriously, if you're up on stage dressed sleazier than a Las Vegas street whore, I'm sure God really would prefer that you didn't drag him into the situation."

'Lady Marmalade' could thank God. Gee, I don't know, maybe they could put on some clothes. Maybe they could not dance around on the stage like they are having sexual intercourse with thin air.

For God's sake, these "women" are supposed to be role models. And some parents wonder why they have to consider buying their 13-year-old daughter birth control.

Destiny's Child is another one. Singing about how their 19-year-old bodies are so "bootylicious."

Guess what. God doesn't want you to thank him either. And I have a more appropriate term for bootylicious: Skank.

It makes me sick that people like that can get up onstage and thank God for their award? I kept expecting them to just burst into flames or something.

If they really want to thank God — and not just make it a passing comment like a glance at a bar — then these corporate made "stars" could stop singing about killing people, smoking bongos, selling crack, sleeping around, cheating and prostitution.

They could even do a lot of volunteer work, a lot.

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Administration finally in touch with students

If you were at the football game on Saturday, (at which we slaughtered Indiana State! Go Eastern!) you might very well have witnessed a recently unprecedented sight in the stands.

Lou Hencken, our university's interim president, took the time to come down from the infamous VIP box to sit, talk and cheer with the students in the stands.

Our days of worrying that the university administration doesn't "connect" with the students may very well be over! At least for a while ...

Katie M. Cox

senior, political science major

Construction may never see finish date

"'We're down (in numbers) and we know we're down,' intern president Lou Hencken said.

'We also believe that we are turning this pattern around.' Despite lower enrollment numbers, Eastern has continued to maintain its record of excellence."

On Excellence:

So is it possible for enrollment to fall an entire third? Let's wonder how it might for just a moment.

As I walk around Eastern's campus, I realize I have grown accustomed to the blockades, detours and deconstructed buildings. The ragged metal fences with Eastern logos seductively announcing "improvements underway."

Your turn

Letters to the editor

Once, I passed by an officious-looking man on campus. We had a bit of trouble negotiating the terrain and finally passed by one another exchanging smiles.

As he drove past on some four-wheeled cart filled with tools of some maintenance task, he lightheartedly and half to himself expressed his frustration. "Who arranged this fence like this?" It was, indeed, in both of our ways. "The ends justify the means," I said. "We will be getting something good in the end."

But I was surprised to realize the cart-driving, officious man with tools did not know who was responsible. Was he not involved with campus maintenance? Was he not part of that omniscient and benevolent system that aided the academic institution in educating a populace? How could he not be reconciled with the process of beautifying the university? These are the questions that crossed my mind as I walked on toward a classroom in which I would be educated. Detouring, I said to half to myself, "Do not doubt! Look. 'They' were kind enough to put asbestos warnings all around the library in which I have spent so many hours in the past as I learned."

Trust must always be somewhat blind. At least heavily near-sighted.

And, yes, I anticipate an administrative response. "You cannot expect every department at Eastern to be fully aware of every other department's activities."

So, I recall another interaction. An Eastern professor looked out of a window on Coleman's north facade (a hint of cynicism in his face) to see bulldozers beautifying. "I enjoyed looking out to see tennis courts and trees," he said. Again, I thought to myself, "Does not the professor take part in these decisions?" Thus, I came to realize that there was a greater power. A greater power moving and shaking, making these decisions for us.

"Surely these powers, in the end, will create an environment that facilitates educating and learning so profoundly that neither my saddened and needlessly cynical professor nor I can comprehend." The matter was resolved.

Later, a music teacher I know happened upon me as I was admiring the place where my favorite tree once was. "My tree has gone to a better place," I said to the music teacher. He spoke of administrative plans to temporarily shut down the recital auditorium. "The students will now have to perform in local churches." His look was disparaging. "But," I said, "your music students may explore the virtues of both music and religion at once as I may, at once, look for my reference book and shoot hoops in the 'temporary' library."

I wonder, gleefully, what this future Eastern campus will look like. I wonder what we are getting in the end. For a moment, I wish I could stay forever, being educated, just so I could keep getting it in the end.

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Students struggle to understand horror of attacks

By Shauna Gustafson
Editorial page editor

"It's just scary."

That was the sentiment of many students on Eastern's campus Tuesday after a day filled with news updates and graphic visual reminders of the terrorist attacks that destroyed the World Trade Center in New York and part of the Pentagon in Washington.

"I was appalled that anyone could dare do anything like this to our country," said Jillian Polivka, a freshman elementary education major. "It's just scary."

Many questioned the motivation of the person or people who orchestrated the attack.

"I can't believe somebody would get so mad at the United States that they could justify what was done," said Katie May, an undecided freshman. "My heart goes out to all those people who didn't make it out."

Shock seemed to be the main reaction around campus, mixed with anger and disbelief. Many said they could not understand how the attack could have happened.

"My initial reaction is that this world is getting terrible," said Bryan Henderson, an education graduate student. "This is a tragic thing for all the world to see. This is a sad day for our nation and I'm concerned that we don't go into any massive war."

Although the number of those killed and injured is not available, students expressed their concern for those who were involved in the attack, and their families.

"It's pretty terrible. They just killed a lot of people who were innocent," said Brian Siska, a sophomore journalism major. "We should definitely fight back."

Disbelief was a familiar feeling, as many likened the attack to something they might have seen on tele-



Geoff Wagner/Staff photographer

Chris Soda, a sophomore undecided major, right, watches the aftershock of the terrorist attack that occurred earlier Tuesday in New York City on the big screen television located in the lobby of Thomas Hall with Tom Powers, a sophomore industrial technology major. I think this is a terrible cowardly thing for someone to do and not admit to it, Soda said.

vision or in a movie.

"It seemed fake ... I think it's kind of crazy," said Emily Drury, a junior biology major. "I knew it would come (an attack or war), but I didn't think it would happen now."

Flags flew at half-staff Tuesday around campus. One of the first places the flag was lowered was at the Sigma Chi fraternity house in Greek Court. Several of the fraternity members had been watching the news about the attack, and felt lowering the flags was in order.

"Five or six of us put it up," said Joe Crocker, president of Sigma Chi. "We just thought it was the right thing to do."

Students emphasized the idea of not immediately engaging in retaliation.

"They should find out who did it, not jump to conclusions ... then there needs to be immediate retribution," said John Klaber, a sophomore pre-dental major.

Thad Wescott, a freshman biological science, agreed with Klaber's sentiments.

"I'm not totally sure what I think we should do," Wescott said. "We need to find out who it is for sure."

International students address special safety concerns

By Erika Larson
Activities editor

While American students sorted through their reactions and feelings about the apparent terrorist acts toward the World Trade Center and Pentagon, international students had a different concern: their safety here on Eastern's campus.

International Programs held an impromptu meeting Tuesday to assure the international students of their safety at Eastern and to offer them some tips of how to interact with Americans after these recent events.

Several guest speakers offered advice to the roughly 40 students who attended the meeting, includ-

ing Officer Bobby Wilke of the University Police Department; Sue Songer, international student advisor; Mahmood Butt, secondary education professor; and Bud Edwards from the Counseling Center.

International students expressed several reactions to the tragedy, including sadness, anxiety and shock.

One international student said, "I just got so angry because of all the innocent people that were killed."

Another student said it didn't seem like something like this could happen in a country like the United States.

Edwards said it was important for international students to

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express those feelings and find someone they could talk about them with.

He also warned the students about the reactions they might get from Americans.

He said because of frustration, some Americans may not discriminate between innocent people like

the international students and those who are guilty.

"That's why it's important to keep a low profile," he said.

"(Some Americans) may say comments of a hurtful nature," he said. "It's important for you not to internalize that."

Butt said fear could often lead to unpredictable responses, and he encouraged the students not to get involved in unnecessary arguments, but rather try to enlighten others.

"Generate light, not heat," he said.

He also urged students to keep their opinions among people they could count on.

Wilke advised students to stay in places that are less confronta-

tional than a bar scene and to not walk anywhere alone.

She also said it is very difficult and worrisome for the families of the international students as the students are far away from home during a time like this.

When one international student called her mother, her mother answered in tears, Songer said.

Songer strongly encouraged the students to call their families and let them know they are safe. She said Robert Augustine, dean of the Graduate School, provided lines in the international office for students to call home and also to call any friends and relatives in New York.

Songer also urged international students to stay in Charleston this weekend.

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A Nation in Mourning

Despite several cancellations, classes go on as scheduled

Western Illinois the only state university to shut down for the day

By Michelle Jones

News editor

The university decided not to cancel classes Tuesday in wake of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center Towers and the Pentagon but encouraged teachers to discuss the event with their classes; however, some teachers still decided not to hold classes.

"We thought it'd be better for students to be in class rather than sitting in front of the television worrying about this all day," said interim President Lou Hencken.

The administration met to discuss whether to officially cancel all classes as part of an emergency management meeting Tuesday morning. Hencken said they decided to encourage the faculty to talk about the event because it would be better for people to sit together in class and discuss what had happened.

Eastern was not alone in its decision. Illinois State University, the University of Illinois and Northern Illinois University also decided to hold classes, but Western Illinois University did decide to officially cancel classes.

For some professors on campus the day was business as usual; however, some teachers opted to give students the day off.

"We made the decision to officially hold classes, but we'll allow people to exercise their own conscience on that," said Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs.

Richard Wandling, political science department chair, said most of the teachers in his department canceled their classes.

"Faculty have been very distracted and upset and likewise with students," he said. "My advice to faculty is to make that decision based on individual judgment."

Steven Roper, political science professor, made the decision not to teach Tuesday for personal reasons.

Roper moved from New York where he taught at another univer-

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Steven Roper,
political science professor
and former New York resident

sity a block from the World Trade Center just a year ago. He was on the phone most of the day.

"For me, I still can't believe the towers are gone," he said.

"I canceled class because I think a number of students were upset, and I was very upset myself," he said. "I did not think I could conduct class."

Anita Shelton, history professor, said most history classes did take place, but some were canceled.

She said some professors took the opportunity to discuss the event with their classes, but for some, the subject was so far removed from what was being discussed in class that teachers canceled class out of respect.

Shelton said she understood the reasons for teachers not holding class.

At least three department chairs said that to their knowledge no classes in their departments were canceled.

Loretta Prater, family and consumer sciences chair, said none of the teachers in her department talked to her about canceling classes, which also supports her feelings on canceling classes because of the event.

"The university has said classes are not canceled, so that is my stance too," Prater said.

Stephen Canfield, foreign languages department chair, said he did not hear of any classes that were canceled in the foreign languages department, and he did not cancel his classes, but he was not against teachers canceling classes.

"As far as I am concerned, if teachers felt they needed to cancel class, it would be at their discretion," Canfield said.

Carol Helwig, early childhood chair, elementary and middle level education, did not believe any classes were canceled either.

"I think that in our case, this is a wonderful opportunity for our faculty to discuss what they would do if a crisis happened in their classroom," Helwig said.

She said she remembered when John F. Kennedy was shot. She was teaching then, and she said it helped to be able to talk to her students.

Linda Weinland Loy, social sciences professor in the early childhood, elementary and middle level education department, let her class out early but used this tragedy as a means of discussion and as a class project.

One project her class is assigned is a news project. Normally she gives her students a choice for their topics, but she decided to let class out early. Her students are supposed to watch TV and listen to the radio or read the newspapers and magazines later and compare the news media while paying attention to rumors and facts.

"Unfortunately, this tragedy is exactly the point I wanted to make," Loy said. "We need to be critical thinkers."

She also remembers when Kennedy was shot and when the Challenger crashed and how upset people were.

"With social sciences, the news and current events is such an important part of what we're doing," she said.

Another teacher did cancel class Tuesday but not for the reason many people might have expected.

Belinda Mueller, political science professor, said, "I know a lot of people have been doing that (canceling classes because of the attack), but I actually have a baby at home with an ear infection."

Retaliation becomes a difficult prospect, says terrorism specialist

By Jennifer Rigg

Features editor

The matter of retaliation by the American government during terrorist attacks is one major advantage for terrorist organizations, said David Carwell, assistant professor of political science and specialist in terrorism issues.

After the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon Tuesday morning, the American people want to retaliate, but who do we retaliate against?

Many news media are calling the attacks the second Pearl Harbor.

However, unlike the attack on Pearl Harbor, there is no country or sitting government to retaliate against, only an unknown terrorist organization, Carwell said. Time and money must be spent to find out the identity of the terrorist organization that organized and carried out the attack.

He said the attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon were the result of a lot of preparation and called it a "well-coordinated" attack.

"Retaliation is in the air," Carwell said. "However, it is difficult to strike back. If you don't have a country or sitting government that is behind the attacks, then who do you go after?"

Carwell does believe, however, that who or what organization that was behind the attacks will be pinpointed in a short amount of time because of the high level of disaster.

"Within a fairly short period of time (the American government) will know who or what was involved," Carwell said. "Exactly what to do is hard to determine."

Eastern's Emergency Management Team's meeting

Tuesday morning was standard precaution during an attack of this size on the nation, Carwell said. Even though the chance of a terrorist attack on Eastern's campus is minimal, until the targets of such an attack are determined, it is smart to develop a plan of action.

"Nobody was really worried. It was just standard precaution," Carwell said.

He said terrorism is something that will always be an issue for this country.

"The United States has been surprisingly immune to terrorism."

"However, for 20 years people have been saying something like this was going to happen. This is a free country, a country easy to move around in." Carwell said he doesn't foresee any long-term changes in the American government, but

there will be many short-term changes, such as increased security in areas all over the country.

"People will become more aware of terrorism and increase security precautions just like they did after the Oklahoma City bombing," he said.

"Very little could have been done to prevent this once it started. Preventing terrorist attacks takes a significant amount of money, manpower and intelligence that the government just doesn't have at their disposal."

A large amount of criticism will be heaped on the CIA and the FBI during the next few days for not being able to give the American people some type of warning that these attacks were going to take place, Carwell said.

"The answer the community is going to get is that they did the best they could with what they had available to them."

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A Nation in Mourning

Alumni get first-hand view of New York disaster

By Matt Neistein
Managing editor

New Yorkers were huddled around their TVs watching the World Trade Center tragedy unfold only a few miles away, said several Eastern alumni who live near the nation's biggest city.

Melissa Girten, a 1999 graduate who works at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in midtown New York, didn't find out about the plane crashes until she got to work and saw news coverage on TV.

Likewise, Lou Stanek, a 1954 alumna, returned home from the gym Tuesday morning to find that the World Trade Center, a place where she often has dinner, had collapsed after a terrorist attack.

After she heard the report, she

walked outside and saw the smoke rising from the midtown area.

Yet, despite the huge death toll and massive destruction, New Yorkers are not panicking.

"It's an eerie feeling to be in New York today," Stanek said. "I think we're going to be shocked by the numbers."

Girten described the overall mood as "surreal."

"Everybody's dazed," she said. "Nobody's afraid, they're just kind of lost."

Just the same, many citizens in and around the city are waiting for a phone call they don't want to receive.

"Many of our friends work in the city," said Bob Jachino, a 1959 Eastern graduate who lives in Greenwich, Conn., about 12 miles northeast of New York. "We're

going to lose some people we know. That's a foregone conclusion."

Andy Jaikaran, a Boston College student from the Bronx, was particularly shaken.

"Everybody knows somebody who works (at the World Trade Center)," he said.

Jachino said he and his family know 12 to 14 people who work at the World Trade Center.

His son was in the city when the disaster occurred, although he was OK, Jachino said. Tuesday afternoon he was walking home from Brooklyn because most vehicular traffic throughout the city was blocked off to make way for emergency vehicles.

Stanek can see the 59th Street Bridge to Queens from her apartment and said that normally it was

filled bumper-to-bumper with traffic. Monday afternoon it was "packed" with people walking home.

She added that grocery stores are "cram-jammed" with "grim-faced" people, although a sense of community prevails.

"People are being considerate," she said.

The attack occurred on an otherwise beautiful day, Stanek said.

"The sun is sparkling, there's puffy clouds in the sky," she said. The river, usually dotted with pleasure watercraft, is now being patrolled by police boats and the sky is "dappled with helicopters."

Fearful gossip also coursed through the veins of the city.

Stanek reported hearing rumors of a similar attack being planned for Chicago, and the proximity of her

apartment to the United Nations building had her and her neighbors worried.

"What we've been worried about all day is a second stage (of attack)," she said.

Despite the horrifying catastrophe, all of the New Yorkers said they weren't considering leaving the city.

"This could happen anywhere," Girten said. "I wouldn't feel any safer anywhere else."

Jachino echoed her sentiment.

"We're getting along OK," he said.

Stanek said she was reminded of William Faulkner's acceptance speech when he won the Nobel Prize.

"Mankind will endure," she said. "New Yorkers are tough."

Airplane diverted from Chicagoland to Willard Airport

By Michelle Jones
News editor

After a terrorist attack where planes crashed into the World Trade Center Towers in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington D.C., the Federal Aviation Center grounded all airplanes, but planes in the air still

needed a place to land.

Willard Airport in Champaign provided a space for one airplane from Chicago to land.

"So far, one plane has landed, and it looks like that will be all," said Ron Weiss of the University of Illinois Police Department.

Weiss said the Red Cross, airport officials and university officials assisted the 150 people who were

on the flight. Passengers were shuttled to hotels or helped in getting cars, he said.

The airport was able to handle the situation without any problems.

"We have jet run-ways, so it's not a problem," one airport worker said.

Although Coles County Airport, 432 Airport Road, no

longer offers flights in and out of the airport, individual people still own planes they fly out of the Charleston airport.

However, no one was allowed to fly out of the airport Tuesday.

"We're not having airplanes depart this airport (Tuesday) or until further notice," said Jerry Carter, airport manager.


Carter said he anticipates that

he would receive word through the Federal Aviation Center as to when they could have flights leave the airport again.

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City officials say Charleston is safe

By Meg McNichols
City editor

Charleston has taken a few precautions, but city officials warn residents that they are not in a state of alert in response to Tuesday's terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

"We don't believe there's a reason to overreact," said Police Chief Ted Ghebellinni.

He said Charleston police have contacted authorities including the Illinois State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to let them know they are on standby to assist nearby cities if necessary.

In the meantime, Ghebellinni said his entire staff is on alert, and a meeting was called Tuesday to discuss precautions that will be taken over the next several days.

"They will be looking for potential targets (for an attack) or suspicious situations," he said. "They are to report anything suspicious to their supervisor right away."

"I don't know how you plan for something like this," said City Manager Bill Riebe. "We're in contact with the state people and federal people, and we're very watchful, and we've heightened our readiness and alertness."

Charleston's Emergency Services and Disaster Agency was in contact with the regional center this morning, and Charleston ESDA Director Daryl Nees said the group is on standby to help, but it was unlikely anyone from Charleston would be put on alert.

"They (the regional office) weren't anticipating a problem in this region," Nees said. "We're really not

in a high target area."

Nees said Charleston and the surrounding area are not in any way a place terrorists might target.

"The potential for what these people want to accomplish ... they're not going to get it in this area," he said. "We're in a really low priority area for these people."

Nees said the city does have an emergency plan to put in action in case of an emergency.

"We have identified certain areas in the city that might be susceptible," he said. Those areas include, but are not limited to, city government buildings, Eastern and the water treatment plant.

Neither the Illinois National Guard nor the Mattoon Guard were on alert Tuesday, said Lt. Col. Laurence Andrews, director of public affairs for the Illinois National Guard.

The National Guard operates on a threat level. This area was not a high threat level. It was somewhere in between, but the National Guard was not allowed to say where, Andrews said.

In a prepared statement, Andrews said, "Like all Americans, we are watching with keen interest the surrounding events surrounding the crashes into the World Trade Center Towers in New York City and at the Pentagon. At this time, we have no more information than is being reported in the national news media.

"Rest assured, however, that our soldiers and airmen are prepared to respond to federal and Illinois authorities and do whatever is required as our leaders formulate a response to what appears to be a coordinated action taken on American soil."

No city curfews or evacuations have taken place in Charleston, but the nation has already felt the magnitude with cancellations including professional sports and the Emmys.

Charleston schools have followed suit with all school meetings, sports and activities canceled Tuesday, said Jeannie Walters, assistant superintendent.

Junior high and high school students were told about the terrorist attacks, which began when an American Airlines flight bound for Los Angeles flew into the south tower of the World Trade Center Tuesday morning. Shortly after, another plane hit the north tower.

"We are not telling our younger students," Walters said.

Administrators and principals decided to keep the information from the younger students after a meeting Tuesday morning because they felt that parents would be the appropriate choice to explain the magnitude of the situation to their children, Walters said.

"Today is such a unique situation, which is why parents can take their kids out of school with an excused absence today," she said.

Charleston does not have any kind of plan in the event of a terrorist attack similar to that on the World Trade Center in lower Manhattan.

Riebe warned that a state of panic is the last thing residents should resort to.

"The biggest thing right now is for everyone to stay rational," he said. "Everybody needs to use their head and stay rational."

Staff editors Shauna Gustafson and Michelle Jones also contributed to this story.

Demand drives gas prices

By Joseph Ryan
Associate news editor

Shortly after the terrorist attacks on the East Coast Tuesday, area gasoline prices skyrocketed as motorists swarmed gas stations causing traffic backups along Lincoln Avenue.

Gas company officials say the stunning increases are attributable to public panic and not gas shortages or terminal shutdowns as rumored.

Prices for a gallon of unleaded gas at most stations in Charleston jumped from around \$1.50 Monday night to more than \$2 by late afternoon Tuesday and it appeared the rise would continue.

Mike Braid, manager of the Amoco gas station at 200 W. Lincoln Ave., said the station was raising its gas prices to approximately \$2 because "the terminals have been closed off" in response to the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.

Highlighting the growing public concern over rising gas prices, Braid said that prices for a gallon of gas were already "up to \$4 in Champaign and Indiana."

In addition, Larry Huffman, supervisor of Phillips 66 gas station on 10th Street and Lincoln Avenue, said the Phillips Petroleum Foresight, IL terminal where he purchases gas from was shut down because of the terrorist attacks.

However, Rich Johnson, Phillips Petroleum spokesman, said "none" of the company's terminals were shut down.

"I'm not sure why he (Huffman) says the terminal is shut down," Johnson said. "Perhaps there is some confusion."

Huffman said he was sure the terminal was shut down because "that is what the computer says back in the office."

"It's closed for the same reason the malls and airports are."

Huffman cited the fact that national gas supplies were "running low" as a reason for the rising prices at the gas station he supervises.

But an American Petroleum Institute press release said, "All information we have tells us that fuels are flowing normally to wholesale and retail markets through out the United States...gasoline and diesel fuel inventories are adequate...refinery production remains strong."

Kate Robbins, Citgo spokeswoman, concurred that the nation's inventories are adequate and operations are running smoothly.

She also said that even though everything is "flowing normally," it is possible the sudden increase in demand brought on by the panic of a terrorist attack may increase prices.

"In the wake of an event like this, maybe some people are panicking and if everyone rushes the stations it has the potential to artificially increase the prices."

Art Weller, owner of Willardet Oil Co., which supplies the Citgo station on Ninth and Lincoln Avenue, said the direct cause of the price jump is "panic and rumors."

"The news reports about higher prices came out and people started lining up and people see that and the lines get longer," he said. "But there is nothing real to it."

"The supply is adequate and is likely to remain adequate."

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A campus grieves



Above right: The American flag in front of the Sigma Chi house in Greek Court now flies half-staff. Between five and six members made the decision to fly the flag half-staff after watching coverage of the terrorist attacks Tuesday morning.

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Above: Almost in tears, campus minister Roy Lanham leads prayer during the 26-hour vigil at the Newman Catholic Center Tuesday evening. At 9 p.m. tonight there will be a Mass held to complete the 26-hour ceremony.

Kate Mitchell/Associate photo editor

Right: Live coverage from the Fox News Network held the attention of Mary Bower, a senior psychology major, at Jerry's Pizza on Lincoln Avenue Tuesday afternoon. Bower said she heard the tragic news at 10 a.m.

Sara Figiel/Photo editor



A Nation in Mourning

Deadly attack spurs students to give blood

By Jennifer Rigg
Features editor

Many Eastern students were left feeling helpless after the attacks Tuesday morning on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

However, merely by coincidence, Eastern hosted an America's Blood Centers blood drive Tuesday, and many students found comfort in donating blood with hopes that it would find one of the victims.

Trish Hayworth, donor relations director, said students started pouring into the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union to donate blood after the news of the attacks found its way into student's apartments and dorm rooms.

There was an overwhelming amount of support that came from Eastern students, Hayworth said. Many donors were giving for the first time.

"They're responding to this tragedy — that's why they're here,"

she said. "Everyone is here to help their fellow man."

The blood drive was sponsored by Community Blood Services of Illinois, a division of America's Blood Centers.

All of the blood donated Tuesday goes to local suppliers, Hayworth said. However, any extra blood donated is shared with other America's Blood Centers, possibly one that is located in New York City.

Hayworth said there was only one word that could summarize what happened at Tuesday's blood drive: "Wow!"

Jeffrey Collier, a freshman political science major, said his main concern was for the victims of the attacks.

"I wanted to help out the people that were involved," he said.

Katherine Thomas, a senior English major, said she usually doesn't donate blood. However, her fear of needles was overridden by an overwhelming sense of need to help the victims.



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Tyler Spregue, a lab worker for the blood drive, carries coolers to store blood for transport back to a laboratory. The overwhelming turnout of Eastern students quickly exhausted the supplies workers brought with them.

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Faculty Senate will leave research position open

By Pat Guinane

Administration editor

The Council for Faculty Research will move toward approving grant requests without a representative from the College of Arts and Humanities.

After three weeks of attempting to fill the vacancy without much faculty input, the Faculty Senate decided Tuesday to let the position stay open.

"There has been zero response," said Gary Canivez, senate member and psychology professor.

The senate debated contacting the college's dean, Mary Anne Hanner, but decided that taking that extra step would slow down the grants approval process.

"My feeling is that you can't hold up the process on campus at this point," said Senate Chair Bud Fischer, biological sciences professor.

Senate members said the vacancy was mentioned in the senate's minutes for the previous three weeks and that posting failed to draw any interest.

"Maybe this will open their eyes," said Luis Clay Mendez, senate member and foreign languages professor.

Tuesday the senate also discussed interim President Lou Hencken's proposed reorganizational changes. His plans to move alumni services into the external relations department and to have athletics continue to report to him were widely approved by the senate, but plans to move admissions, records and registration to the academic affairs department

did draw some discussion.

Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs, visited the senate to answer questions about the proposed changes. James Tidwell, senate member, asked if the departments were opposed to being moved under academic affairs.

Lord assured the senate that the individual departments are comfortable with the move. "No, they're not being grabbed kicking and screaming," Lord said.

While senate members generally supported the reorganization, they decided to hold off on making a formal decision until faculty members could read the minutes of yesterday's meetings.

Senate member Anne Zahlan said the senate needs to consider the entire campus community.

"We need to consider how it affects the entire university, including students," said Zahlan, an English professor.

Tidwell, a journalism professor, asked Ron Deedrick, student representative to the faculty senate, if the reorganizational changes were a "hot issue among students."

"I don't know if there really are a lot of issues that are hot with students," said Deedrick, chair of the student senate's student relations committee.

In other business, the senate met with Bob Augustine, interim associate vice president for academic affairs for technology.

Augustine outlined goals for the new Center for Academic

Technology Support, which is currently located in Blair Hall, Room 108. The center came about as the result of the recommendations of the Technology-Enhanced and Delivered Education Steering Committee. The committee was created last year, and Augustine marveled that it has managed to get a center up and running in less than a year's time.

"Less than a year later we have a center on campus that is being staffed by well qualified people," he said.

The center's mission is to aid Web-based and technology-enhanced classes, and Augustine said part of achieving that mission lies in hiring a permanent director.

Tidwell said one of three candidates scheduled for on-campus interviews for the permanent position has withdrawn. Frank Moore, who was scheduled to interview on Oct. 1, withdrew. Tidwell said Moore will be replaced by another candidate.

Augustine also discussed the TEDE grant proposals, which are due on Sept. 28. At that point, those faculty members who received grants last year must present reports on their progress.

The senate also announced some upcoming events. The senate was invited to the view the design of The Tarble Arts Center expansion Monday at 4 p.m. Also, the senate will host the University Professionals of Illinois faculty sponsored social at 3 p.m. Sept. 25 in Buzzard Hall Room 2504 after an abridged senate meeting.

Adopt-a-Student looking for volunteers

By Jessica Danielewicz

Campus editor

A collaborative project between Charleston's elementary schools and the university helps to provide one-on-one attention to the area's young children.

Eastern students have been tutoring Jefferson Elementary and Carl Sandburg Elementary students through the Adopt-a-Student program for more than 15 years, said Cindy Rich, director of the Reading Center and coordinator of the program.

"It's one of the longest running collaborations we've had with the university," said David Carey, principal of Carl Sandburg Elementary.

The program currently takes place at Jefferson Elementary for fourth-graders and at Carl Sandburg for second- and third-graders both semesters of the school year, Rich said.

The first session is already in progress at Jefferson and will begin at Carl Sandburg on Oct. 2.

It is not just a tutorial or remedial kind of program, Carey said. Different activities occur, and the parent teacher association brings snacks, Rich said.

Tutors work with students on general homework or on special projects, said Jim Louthen, principal of Jefferson Elementary.

"It's just a neat service opportunity for Eastern students," Rich said.

The program lasts four weeks, and tutors go each week on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Although it does not last very long, the elementary students are sad to see the program end, Rich said.

A total of about 150 students take part each semester — about 50 from Jefferson and 100 from Carl Sandburg — and the number will most likely increase in the spring when they add first-graders to the program, Rich said.

She said Eastern students taking part in the program are primarily elementary education majors, but anyone can participate.

Full senate expected after meeting tonight

By Aaron Swiercz

Student government editor

After concluding his interviews for filling the open senate positions, Speaker of the Senate Joe Robbins put all of the recommendations to fill the positions on today's agenda for the Student Senate Meeting.

Robbins interviewed all 11 senate prospects and was optimistic about finally having a full senate.

"It's going to be great to have a full senate, and I'm convinced that these are all the right people to serve the students."

In an agenda dominated with appointments, Student Body President Hugh O'Hara also has the final three candidates he wants put on the Student Supreme Court.

Also, several appointments to boards and committees should begin to fill the holes by using the new senate members.

"We already have the tentative committee assignments for the

new senators," Robbins said.

The senate also faces bills regarding tuition and fee increases.

After a meeting Monday night with Shirley Stewart, vice president for student affairs, the Tuition and Fee Review Committee said these fee increases were in the best interest of the students and would actually save the students money in the long run.

"These changes give the students more direct control over where their money goes," said Seth Quin, chair of the Tuition and Fee Review Committee. "It seems like this raise is more beneficial to the students than harmful."

In other business, a new bylaw will come before the senate that involves the people who are allowed to speak and not to speak at the senate.

The Student Action Team nominees will be announced at the next meeting because interviews have not been concluded yet.

Portfolio forums to help with transition

By Katy Bennett

Staff writer

Informational forums will be held to help ease students in the transition into the new electronic writing portfolio process that replaced the writing competency exam.

The forums will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday and 3 p.m. Sept. 19 in Buzzard Hall, Room 2504.

Karla Sanders, director of the Center for Academic Support and Achievement, said the forums are designed so professors can learn more about the program, but all students are welcome to attend.

Members of CASA will lead these forums. Subjects that will be discussed at the forums are how the portfolios work and the instructors' role in the process.

Sanders said it's a new process, but "it's a simple process."

The literature distributed to students by teachers in writing-intensive courses explains the process of the electronic writing portfolio.

The portfolios are a graduation requirement that all students registered from the fall 2000 catalog, including transfer students, must complete.

Each year, students must select

and submit a piece of their own writing from a writing intensive course.

Students must then consult with their instructor about revisions. Students then save the document in rich text format on a disk and fill out specified sections of two Electronic Writing Portfolio submission forms.

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Announcements

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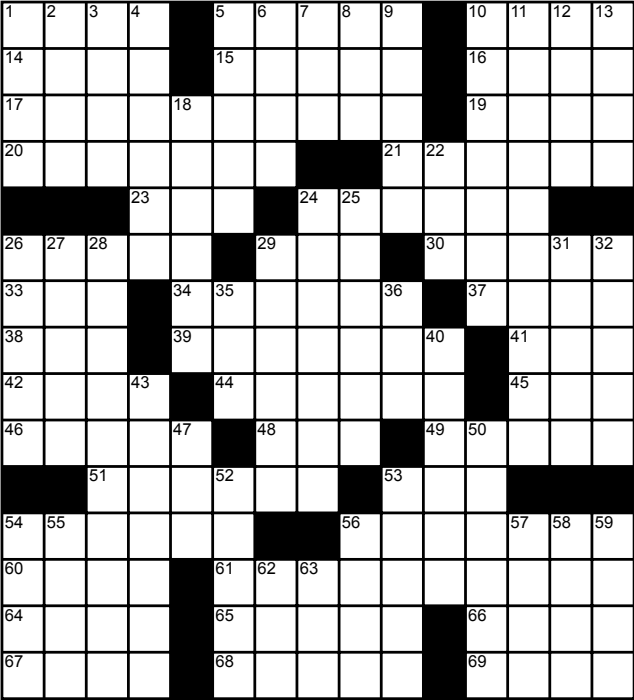
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Fueling fear

Tuesday's tragedy sent motorists to the pumps in droves. Charleston Police Chief Ted Ghibellini directs traffic next to the Amoco gas station on Lincoln Ave.

Rec Center ready to offer new free aerobics class

By Erika Larson
Activities editor

The Student Recreation Center will offer a new beginner aerobics class, adding to its already varied schedule of free classes. The new class, Basic Aerobics, will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. every Saturday in the aerobics area of the Rec Center. “(The class) is for people who have never been to aerobics and are really afraid to go,” said Sarah Zumbahlen, aerobics coordinator. The other classes offered by the Rec Center include Creative Cardio, Cardio Salsa, Abs, Simply Step, Power Step, Muscle Manias I and II, Beginner Box, Cardio Box, Aqua Aerobics, Funk and Totally Toning. Zumbahlen said everybody should participate in the aerobics classes, including students, faculty and staff. “It’s free,” she said. “You don’t have to come to every class, and you can come in the middle or leave in the middle.” She said the aerobics program is really comparable to those of other universities. “People from other schools have come and been really impressed with what we have to offer,” she said. Zumbahlen said Abs is the most popular class. Katie Hyla, a senior family and consumer sciences major, said she has participated in both step aerobics and Abs classes. Hyla joked that she joined the classes to make sure she didn’t gain “the freshman 15.” She said her Abs class teacher, Niki Patzner, made the class really fun and changed it up a lot. “It was always really full, and I felt really good about myself afterwards,” Hyla said. Zumbahlen said aerobics classes are good because an instructor is available to offer motivation and help. “We have really good instructors,” she said. “They’re a lot of fun.” She said participating in an aerobics class gives participants a positive attitude.

Scholarships available for single mothers

By Aaron Swiercz
Student government editor

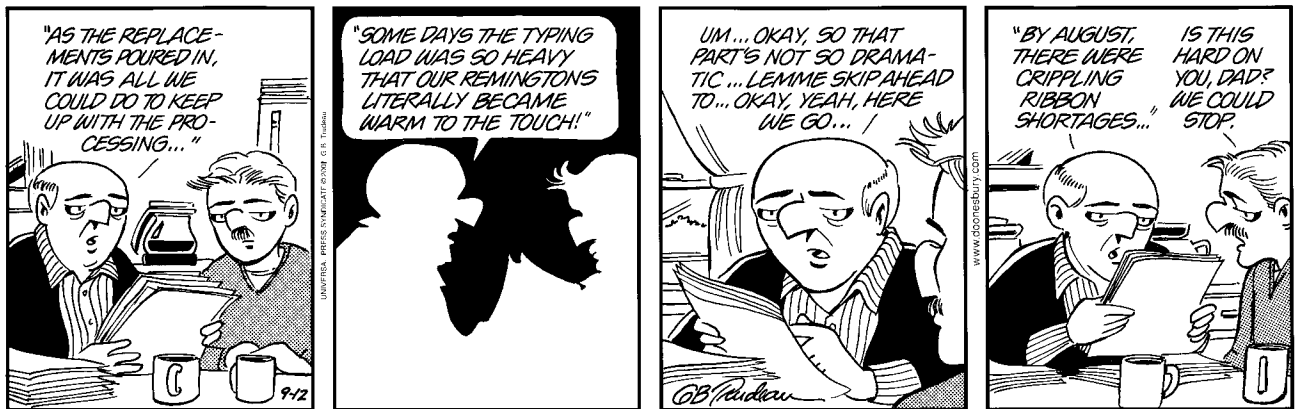
The Office of Civil Rights and Diversity offers a scholarship to help undergraduate single mothers be able to support themselves and still go to school. Yve Williams, student vice president for student affairs, brought this scholarship up in her report to the Student Senate last week and believes it deserved the attention. “I have friends who are single mothers, and it’s hard to stay in school

and raise a child all on your own,” she said. The Carol Specht Memorial Scholarship rests on no grade requirements and is made available to all years in school. The only requirement outside of being a single mother is that the student must major in a field relating to counseling, teaching or social work. “I think this is a great opportunity for single mothers to get some help with the financial pressure that school can place on them,” said Jessica Catto,

student vice president for academic affairs. “Any scholarship that a student qualifies for is worth pursuing especially if they need money.” The scholarship was established by Constance Specht and Margo Christian in memory of their mother, Carol, who founded the Coles County Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Specht also was active in the Coles County League of Women Voters. The money for the scholarship is awarded by the coalition each fall during its annual board meeting.

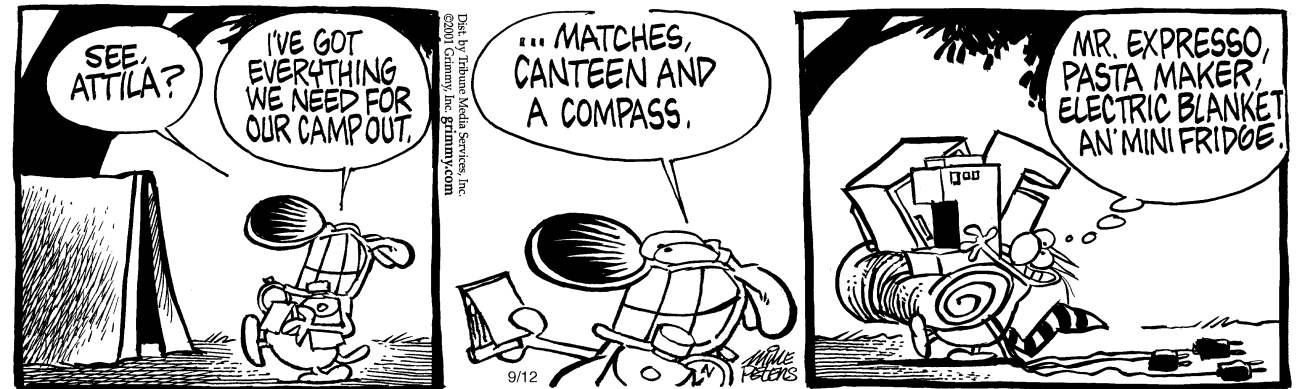
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Weeklong suspension of college football under consideration

(AP) – Two Thursday night college football games were postponed and suspension of this week's entire schedule of Division I games was being considered following terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.

The Atlantic Coast Conference announced the postponement of all athletic events through Thursday, including Penn State at Virginia and Ohio at North Carolina State.

The Ohio-N.C. State game was rescheduled for Nov. 24; a new date has yet to be set for Penn State-Virginia. Earlier Tuesday, the commissioners from all the I-A conferences, including the ACC, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10 and Southeastern, discussed their options for staging this weekend's games in a conference call hours after the attacks.

"We're going to monitor and carefully evaluate everything, and definitely make a decision tomorrow (Wednesday) on our weekend football games," Big East commissioner Mike Tranghese said, speaking only for his own league's games.

He added: "The commissioners will be talking to their institutions on conference calls, and then we will talk again and make a collective decision."

Two other games are scheduled for Thursday night — Texas Tech at Texas-El Paso and Kentucky Wesleyan at Tennessee-Martin. Colorado State is at UNLV on Friday night.

The Virginia-Penn State game was set to be televised by ESPN, with the Nittany Lions' Joe Paterno needing one more win to tie Bear Bryant at 323 career wins — the

most by a major college coach.

In Division I, there are 116 games scheduled Thursday through Saturday, including three major matchups in the state of Florida — No. 13 Washington at No. 1 Miami, No. 8 Tennessee at No. 2 Florida and No. 10 Georgia Tech at No. 6 Florida State.

The final decision on whether to play, though, could rest with the federal government, not the commissioners. The government most likely will determine if teams can travel by air and if it's safer for large crowds to gather at stadiums nationwide.

"It may be out of our hands," Tranghese said. "There are a lot of issues, emotional ones. Kids flying, playing in large venues with a lot of people and if the government says do something, we do it."

Ohio State, for example, plays at home Saturday against San Diego State. Buckeyes coach Jim Tressel is concerned about having a football team travel across the country for a game.

"We sit here thinking that it puts a lot less importance on Saturday," he said. "You say to yourself, 'Who's going to be getting on airplanes to go play each other right now?' All of that races through your mind."

NCAA president Cedric Dempsey said the NCAA would cooperate with any executive orders issued by President Bush. He also said conferences and individual schools have authority themselves to postpone or to play all regular-season games.

"The games themselves are insignificant in the face of what

has happened today," Dempsey said. Our focus is entirely on the safety of student-athletes, athletics personnel and fans. We urge schools to make sound decisions about proceeding with contests today and in the coming days."

Many schools canceled practice Tuesday, including UCLA, which is scheduled to play host to Arizona State in the Rose Bowl on Saturday.

"I met with the team and it was a very emotional meeting," Bruins coach Bob Toledo said.

"The team was sensitive to the feelings of the people who have suffered a great loss. Our prayers go out to the victims, the survivors and their families. I decided that regardless of whether or not we play the game Saturday, today should be a day for us to reflect on things other than football."



Colin McAuliffe/Staff photographer

Work in progress

The Coaches Stadium at Monier Field is making progress as the construction nears completion.

Coaches

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With the volleyball team home safely Tuesday, Eastern's athletic department evaluated the scheduled women's soccer game at the University of Missouri and canceled the game. Kidwell said the game may or may not be rescheduled.

Women's soccer head coach Steve Ballard has also canceled practice Tuesday.

"Our women are very upset and concerned just as the rest of Eastern's campus and country," Ballard said. "We are stunned by what happened. We canceled the game out of respect to what's happened and we canceled any practice as well."

"It definitely puts things into perspective. It's pretty stunning — it's hard to find words for things like this."

Eastern is scheduled to host DePaul University Friday at 4 p.m. at Lakeside Field.

According to the media relations

department of the Ohio Valley Conference, many of the conference teams have also canceled competition Tuesday.

Southeast Missouri has canceled its soccer and volleyball matches and Austin Peay has also canceled its volleyball matches.

Eastern's Director of Athletics Rich McDuffie announced Tuesday that student-athletes have the option of attending team practice today.

"In light of the tragedy that has occurred (Tuesday) in the United States, we have consulted with our coaching staff and we are in 100 percent agreement that each individual student-athlete can determine whether he or she wishes to participate in practice sessions," McDuffie stated.

"Because of the tragic events (Tuesday), we must respect how each student-athlete wishes to deal with this situation."

With Tuesday's soccer game canceled and the next competition for Eastern athletics scheduled Friday, the athletic department will be evaluating the situation on a daily basis.

Ruthhart

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Bobby Bowden, the head coach of Florida State's football program, said in an interview on ESPN that he has a football game to prepare for and didn't think the world should be put on hold. He apparently sees his upcoming Saturday game against Georgia Tech as more important than showing respect for this country's true heroes.

On the other hand, University of Miami head coach Larry Coker showed the humility this situation calls for in his ESPN interview. Coker said he can't imagine sending his players back on the practice field in the wake of such a terrible tragedy. Miami's Saturday game against Washington has been canceled.

Whether any games take place this weekend is not the important thing. What is important is that this country pay tribute and respect to

those who lost their lives Tuesday and those who risked and gave their lives in attempts to save them.

The honor and respect of this country outweighs any game played on a field. Each and every game starts with the playing of the national anthem. It's obvious that respect for this country and its true heroes should come first, above and beyond a group of men playing games.

That leaves just one question for individuals like Bowden: "Oh, say can you see?"

Rojek

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Now isn't the time to worry about a missed game.

In the past, President Franklin Roosevelt once ordered games to continue through World War II.

In 1989, the city of San Francisco asked baseball to continue the World Series

between the Giants and Oakland following a devastating earthquake.

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"If I didn't have football I'd just go nuts."

Passing to perfection

Romo completes 16-for-16 in season opener, earns Offensive Player of the Week honors

By Nate Bloomquist
Staff writer

For junior Tony Romo, football wasn't his first choice. If things had gone his way, he'd be playing college basketball right now.

Fortunately for the Panthers, Romo chose football, a sport which he has only been playing since his junior year of high school. Romo was a basketball and golf star in Burlington, Wis., before he ever took a snap on the football field.

Last week in the Panther's season opener against Indiana State, the quarterback could have been called Robo-back. Like a robot, he was perfect with a 16-for-16 performance for 240 yards and three touchdowns. For this, Romo earns Top Cat of the Week.

Perfection was Romo's intention, but he never expected to fulfill that goal. After all, he'd never come close to that before.

"One of my teammates came up to me and told me about it during the game," Romo said. "He said, 'I'm staying away from you.' It was like having a perfect game in baseball, you don't want to jinx anyone."

The showing caught national attention as Romo received co-offensive player of the week honors from Sports Network and offensive player of the week in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Romo is also on the short list of players being considered for the Walter Payton Award, which is given to the top athlete among Division I-AA schools.

But he isn't concerned about any of that.



Nate Bloomquist/ Staff photographer

Junior quarterback Tony Romo completed a perfect 16-for-16 passes Saturday in Eastern's season opener against Indiana State.

For him there's no pressure. Instead, he said the honors and praise he's received so far this should be bestowed upon his teammates.

"It feels really good to receive those honors," Romo said. "But it's all about the team. If we play well as a team and win, all of the individual honors will follow. You

can't ask for much more."

Win at all costs is Romo's mantra. Whether it requires a perfect performance or a throwing for six touchdowns, as he did in a game last season, Romo is up to the task.

That's an attitude head football coach Bob Spoo wants to see in all of his players.

"Opponents are going to try to accomplish a lot of things too," Spoo said. "Things aren't always going to go our way, but our players have to adapt to that, they have to finish the job. It's something we talk a lot about, want to finish the job, finish the game with everyone going at 100 percent."

Spoo said the key to Romo's success so far this season is a result of the work he's done in the off-season. He has also changed his grip on the football. When he throws, his index finger is closer to the point of the ball, allowing him to throw a tighter and faster spiral. He's also tried to improve on the fundamentals of throwing.

"He's always throwing the ball to someone," Spoo said.

"He's always working on passing. He's gotten in a lot of throwing on his own in the off-season. Even though last year he was the offensive player of the year in the OVC, he's still looking to improve. He's the kind of player who's always looking to improve."

And Romo wouldn't have it any other way.

"If I didn't have football I'd just go nuts. I'd be really bored," Romo said. "I love to play and I love to compete."

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Since that incident, security has become a crucial aspect in the preparations for the host city. Utah is no different.

Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt stated that officials are working to ensure that terrorist attacks won't disrupt the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics, but expressed his sympathy to Tuesday's tragedy.

"This is a sobering reminder that there are evil people in the world who will do outrageous things," Leavitt said.

The national situation will be evaluated today to decide whether more cancellations and postponed events will be necessary.

In collegiate athletics across the nation, college football commissioners are considering postponing the entire schedule of

"major games" according to a report by the Associated Press. Commissioners from all Division I-A conferences discussed options Tuesday.

"We're going to monitor and carefully evaluate everything, and definitely make a decision tomorrow (Wednesday) on our weekend football games," Big East commissioner Mike Tranchese said.

The final decision could rest on the federal government, who will most likely determine whether teams should travel by air and allow crowds of 35,000 to over 100,000 to gather in stadiums nationwide.

The NCAA president Cedric Dempsey said the NCAA will cooperate with any executive orders issued by President Bush.

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Baseball cancels schedule

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Baseball commissioner Bud Selig and his wife were in New York last Thursday night, and decided to take a drive through the city after dinner.

"We went to the World Trade Center because I hadn't been there in a while. Now to believe that they don't exist anymore," a stunned Selig said Tuesday, slowly shaking his head. "It's beyond human comprehension. There is nothing in any of our back-grounds to even begin to prepare you for this."

With the start of the playoffs only three weeks away, baseball became little more

than an afterthought Tuesday after terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.

Tuesday's entire schedule was canceled — the first time since D-Day in 1944 that a whole day of regular-season play was wiped out — and Selig said he didn't know when play would resume. Baseball's quarterly meeting, scheduled to begin here Tuesday afternoon, also was canceled.

"I believe we are a social institution," Selig said. "We have a lot of responsibilities, but above all, we have a responsibility to act in a manner befitting a social institu-

tion."

Instead of spending their day in meetings, owners who arrived before the attacks huddled around a television at the Pfister Hotel, watching for the latest developments. Cellular phones rang as friends and loved ones checked in.

Houston Astros owner Drayton McLane had a son who was in New York on business; he called McLane's wife to say he was OK. Arizona Diamondbacks owner Jerry Colangelo reached his son Bryan, who was in Milan, Italy, and told him to stay put. Bryan Colangelo is president of the Phoenix Suns.

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Athletics pushed into background

Sports have always sparked entertainment in society – a competitive war between opposing sides.

But the world was in no mood for entertainment Tuesday following the terrorist attacks. The world of sports has been abruptly halted as the world reflects on this tragedy.

For once the rivalry in athletics has faded and the world needs to come together against those who did this.

I always believed that society could not survive without sports. Every day I could pick up the paper or turn on the television and there is an entire section devoted to the love of sports. Who won, what was the score, and how did the team react. But today there is nothing to report and no games to seek results of.

Athletic events have existed since the dawn of man and competition thrives in every human.

Every day is a new competition, a new battle. Whether you were watching the game or out battling on the field looking into your opponent's eye, you were always surrounded by a war.

But Tuesday the war was not out on the athletic field. It was in the hearts of every American watching the television as their hearts sank with the fall of the World Trade Center towers.

Many athletic teams have canceled or postponed events scheduled for Tuesday out of respect to the tragic events that occurred, but others were postponed because of the lack of concentration for athletics.

Following the postponed start to the PGA World Golf Championship, visiting Ernie Els of South Africa expressed his confusion at the chain of events in a story by the Associated Press stating, "I don't understand how these guys can even hit the balls," he said, pointing toward the practice range."

And with the baseball playoffs just three weeks away, games have been pushed into the background. Tuesday was the first time since D-Day in 1944 that a whole day of regular-season play was wiped out.

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Tragedy puts athletics on hold



Bill Ruthhart/ Staff photographer

An American flag sits in the bed of a pickup truck parked in the O'Brien Stadium parking lot Tuesday afternoon as a symbol of mourning. Practice was held at the athletes' discretion.

Eastern coaches adjust practices, cancels game

By Kristin Rojek

Associate sports editor

The volleyball team landed at O'Hare Airport at 5:35 a.m. Tuesday, roughly three hours before the first attack on the World Trade Center.

Following the terrorism, all air traffic was ordered to land immediately, and if the team had scheduled a flight just a few hours later, the volleyball team would still be in Alaska.

"Thankfully they got home safely," said Dave Kidwell, assistant athletic director for sports information and marketing. "They landed safely in Chicago at their scheduled time and were bused home."

The team left Chicago by 6:30 a.m. by bus and heard of the attack midway through their trip.

"One of the girls' mothers called on her cell phone to inform us," volleyball head coach Brenda Winkler said. "My sisters and brothers were calling me to make sure we made it safely. We were quite fortunate."

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National sports step off the field to mourn for nation

By Kristin Rojek

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The world of sports has been put on hold following the terrorist attacks in Washington D.C. and New York City Tuesday.

Sports networks such as ESPN have turned over to news in order to keep the nation informed on this tragic situation.

For many, this cancellation is out of respect for the families and victims involved as a time for mourning.

In New York, Yankee Stadium has been evacuated and placed under increased security as the 78-year-old building serves as a landmark of American sports. The same applies to Wrigley Field.

All 15 major league baseball teams have postponed Tuesday's games. Baseball commissioner Bud Selig made this decision three and a half hours following the first attack.

"In the interest of security and out of a sense of deep mourning for the national tragedy that has occurred today, all major league baseball games for today have been canceled," Selig said.

And the White Sox were supposed to face off against the Yankees in New York Tuesday for the start of a three-game series, just 10 miles from the attack at the World Trade Center.

Minor league baseball has also been affected, postponing the playoff games.

In addition to baseball, the PGA Tour postponed Thursday's start of the World Golf

Championships and two additional tournaments as golfers are unable to fly to the destinations.

"This is a sad, sad day in America," said Tiger Woods after his practice two hours before the initial attack on the World Trade Center.

The U.S. Women's Cup has been postponed as well as all major league soccer.

In addition to the immediate sporting events scheduled for today, attention also turned to the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics. During the 1972 Olympics, 11 Israeli athletes were killed after being taken hostage by Palestinians.

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Oh say can't you see? True heroes don't play on a field

Today it seems inappropriate to fill these pages with any thing of such inconsequence like games, scores and statistics. Today we mourn one of the largest losses this country has ever been forced to endure.

Today we woke up a new nation.

Tuesday's terrorist acts have left thousands upon thousands of people dead or injured. This act of evil and rage has shattered families and friendships forever. Life in this country will never quite be the same. Tuesday truly was a day of infamy.

It's for that reason sports have such an unimportant, insignificant appeal today. It's easy in everyday

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life to get wrapped up in the importance of a pennant stretch, the excitement of a season-opening football game or the awe of watching sports' biggest heroes on

the field.

But this country's heroes aren't those who hit a round ball with a wooden stick, or toss a pigskin through the air. That was evident Tuesday.

The true heroes are those who run into burning buildings giving their lives to save others. Our true heroes are not those who hit the most home runs or score the most points, but those who risk and give their lives for freedom.

Such a horrific tragedy and such acts of admirable heroism deserve the respect, thoughts and prayers of a nation. That is why professional and college athletic events were canceled Tuesday and likely will be canceled throughout

the week.

Safety precautions were taken into consideration when these decisions were made, but they were made out of respect and honor for the victims of this heinous crime. Grown men playing a child's game have not earned, nor have they deserved such respect.

These athletes put their images and statistics on the line everyday – not their lives.

Yet, some believe the single most terrifying act of terrorism in this nation's history isn't important enough to put something so insignificant as a football game on hold.

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